



ADA COUNTY PROFILE

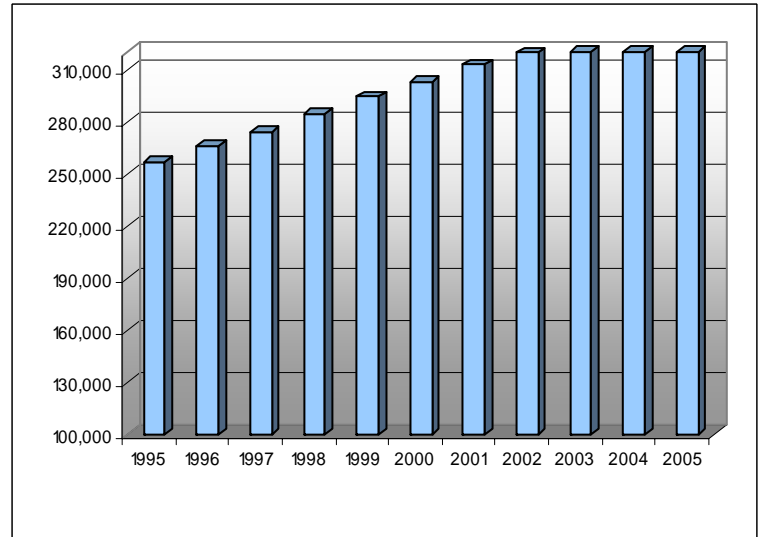
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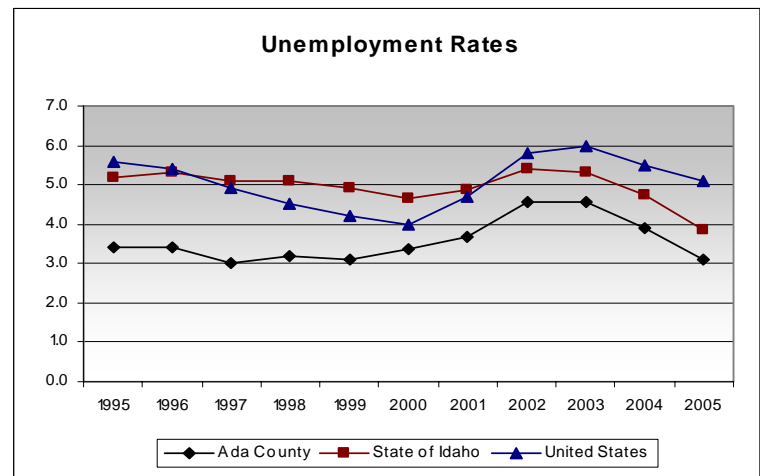
Population

Ada County is Idaho's largest urban and regional center of government, industry, and education. Ada County is the most populous county in Idaho at 344,727 residents, over twice the size of the next largest county, Canyon. It ranks 31st among Idaho's 44 counties in total area, and nearly 29.1 percent of the county is federally owned. The population has been rapidly increasing over the past decade increasing by 87,867 residents since 1995. This translates to an astounding 34.2 growth rate for the decade 1995 to 2005, well above the state's growth rate of 21.4 percent over the same period. Ada County's economic vitality, concentration of high-tech industry, outdoor lifestyle, and relatively mild climate, continue to attract an increasing number of both young adults and retirees.



Labor Force & Employment

The Ada County *Civilian Labor Force* exhibited strong growth through the past decade, increasing by 45,902 people, a growth rate of 32.1 percent. During 2005 alone, the labor force in Ada County grew by an astonishing 10,601 people. Over the decade, while the number of individuals in the labor force increased, so did employment opportunities. As a result, 2005's 3.1 percent unemployment rate was a full 2 percent lower than the national rate of 5.1 percent and 0.8 percent lower than the statewide rate of 3.9 percent. Ada County's unemployment rate was also 0.8 percent lower than its own level in 2004. Every year during the decade 1995 to 2005, Ada County has outperformed both the state and the nation in terms of labor force growth, employment increases and unemployment rate. With the rapid increase in population, opportunities have abounded in terms of many industries, construction being the industry leading the way. Construction activity in 2005 was the best year ever on record in Ada County in terms of both residential and commercial projects with no slowdown in site



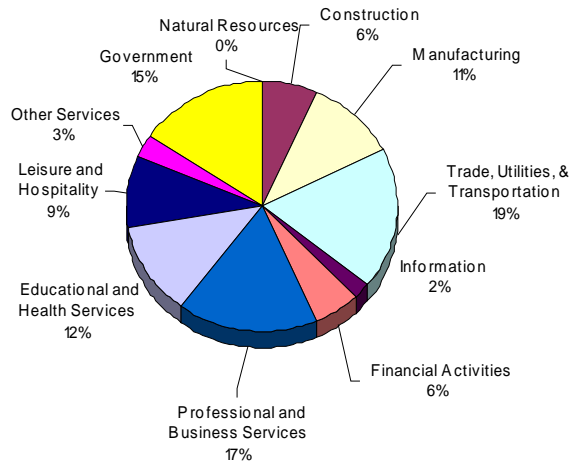
for 2006.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs in Ada County increased by 65.4 percent, or 72,743 jobs, in the past decade. All industrial sectors experienced an increase in the number of jobs with the largest increases in *Services* and *Mining & Construction* at 103.7 percent and 99.1 percent, respectively. *Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate* experienced a growth of only 17.9 percent over the last ten years; the growth rate of the industry has slowed after several mergers occurred in the mid-1990s. *Manufacturing* increased 51.9 percent over the decade with new jobs created primarily in electronics manufacturing. The Boise City MSA, which consists of Ada and Canyon Counties,

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	188,608	195,672
Total Employment	182,446	190,105
Unemployed	6,162	5,567
Ada County % Unemployed	3.3	2.8
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	143,168	150,023	155,647	162,809	166,544	170,277	175,182	177,727	177,633	178,469	189,070
Unemployment	4,882	5,083	4,678	5,212	5,135	5,739	6,444	8,105	8,133	6,944	5,895
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.7	4.6	4.6	3.9	3.1
Employment	138,286	144,940	150,969	157,597	161,409	164,538	168,737	169,622	169,500	171,525	183,176

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Per Capita Income & Employment

Ada County ranks second in the state in terms of per capita income at \$36,543, which is 36.0 percent above the state average of \$26,877 and 10.6 percent above the national average per capita income of \$33,050. Blaine County beat out Ada County for the top spot in the state.

Services and *Trade* account for the majority of jobs in Ada County. Wages in Ada County vary substantially between industries. The highest wages come in the *Manufacturing* industries led by the high-tech sector, while the lowest wages are predictably in the *Leisure and Hospitality* sector. In all industries within Ada County, wages have increased between the years 1993 and 2003.

Major Private Employers

Albertsons, Inc.
Wal-Mart
Boise Cascade
DirectTV
Hewlett Packard
Idaho Power Co.
Micron Technology, Inc.
St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center
St. Lukes Regional Medical Center
Adecco USA
Citicorp

Occupational Wages*

Entry Level Wage

Occupational Wages*	Entry Level Wage
Bookkeeper	\$9.00
Cashier	\$6.28
Construction Laborer	\$9.00
Customer Service Representative	\$9.50
Delivery Driver	\$8.10
Desk Clerk/Receptionist	\$8.50
Landscape Laborer	\$7.60
Retail Salesperson	\$7.00
Teller	\$8.50
Waiter/Waitress	\$6.00
Warehouse Workers	\$7.50

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	133,116	\$25,851	182,042	\$34,150	188,135	\$35,731
Agriculture	545	\$21,327	732	\$23,575	713	\$24,593
Mining	114	\$37,288	111	\$39,341	124	\$41,212
Construction	10,482	\$29,224	11,638	\$35,067	12,310	\$37,023
Manufacturing	19,682	\$39,725	20,809	\$53,360	20,829	\$55,797
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	27,746	\$23,262	34,447	\$30,234	34,949	\$31,349
Information	2,332	\$32,399	3,343	\$42,480	3,675	\$44,492
Financial Activities	8,490	\$26,539	10,250	\$39,911	10,595	\$40,980
Professional and Business Services	15,033	\$21,794	29,135	\$36,651	31,540	\$38,328
Educational and Health Services	11,567	\$25,884	21,861	\$33,654	22,659	\$34,828
Leisure and Hospitality	12,169	\$8,672	16,984	\$11,712	17,340	\$12,169
Other Services	3,868	\$17,013	5,075	\$21,893	5,163	\$22,364
Government	21,088	\$28,097	27,657	\$35,087	28,236	\$37,676

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Ada County	\$26,628	\$27,104	\$27,446	\$28,742	\$30,589	\$33,510	\$34,073	\$34,470	\$34,637	\$36,543
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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